

# Newsletter

April 2024

# Termly Value

This half term, our value is Cooperation.

We have been thinking about teamwork and how must all work together, recognising each other's strengths and talents to be successful. In collective worship we have talked about how working with others helps us to do things better than we would on our own. As they say in sport, 'There is no 'I' in TEAM.' One person cannot do it all; it takes every member doing their part and playing their role to succeed. Teamwork brings people together, and to get things done, they must rely on one another.



# Dates for your diary:

Bank holiday-

26<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 6th May Tag Rugby- Year 5 17<sup>th</sup> May End of Term 24th May Half Term 27th-31st May Bikeability Week- Y5 & 6 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 6<sup>th</sup> June School Photographs - Sports Teams & Year 6 Leavers 4th June Oak Swimming starts-11th June for 5 Weeks Willow and Rowan Class Trip-Think Tank Planetarium Wednesday 12th June Reception 2024 Intake Meeting-Thursday June 13th 1.30 pm or 6.15pm Father's Day Lunch – Friday 14th June TED Day 21st June Bell boating Regatta- Y6

#### **PTFA**

We need you! We are carrying out a Garden Revival on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month and are after willing volunteers. If you can help in any way, please contact us using the details below.



# Parent Survey

Firstly. I would like to express my appreciation to all of you who completed the parental survey, most parents responded which is very positive. Your feedback and comments are very much valued, and I am delighted to share that 100% of responses stated that children are happy and feel safe in school. Most areas were rated very highly, with 98% agreeing that school works hard to ensure children understand behaviour expectations, and that any bullying reported to school has been acted upon. School will always act on bullying if we are informed at the outset. If there are any unresolved issues, then we strongly urge you to come forward so that this can be addressed.

Many positive comments were received about our fantastic staff team, including our Administration Team. Communication was a key thread and we are grateful for your engagement with the office staff. Comments showed that parents feel provision for SEND has improved and there is more individualised care.

One area that we need to further consider, is provision for those children who prefer quieter games at break times. As a result, the School Council will take feedback from their peers as to how we can broaden opportunities for all.

Despite the appreciation that we are limited in terms of staff available after school, it is clear that more clubs would be appreciated. Given the small number of adults available to run clubs, we are proud of the opportunities available for children. We have utilized rugby and multi-skills coaches over the year and this has been funded by the school sports premium.

We would love to offer a wider range of clubs however, staff are not contracted to run them and do so on a voluntary basis. If there are any parents who would be keen to help run a club, then please do get in touch with us via the school office. Please note, any volunteers working in school must have a DBS and two references in place prior to working with children.

# Spaces Available

We currently have spaces available in both our Pre-school and in some year groups in main school. If you would like to arrange a show around or for more information, please contact the school office:

Office@martley.dowmat.education or call 01886 888201.



# Waddle of Worcester

Carrie-Ann from Blackpole Recycling, our Waddle sponsors, came along this week to look at our penguin design. We cannot wait for Peter the Penguin to be on the trail around Worcester in all his glory! We are delighted to have the opportunity to support St Richards Hospice who do such an amazing job.







### **Volunteers**

A big thank you to our volunteers who come in every week to read with the children. They are really benefiting from these extra sessions and as always, we are grateful for your continued support. It is lovely to see the children continuing to grow in confidence as the weeks go on and we really appreciate your time.

### **Attendance**

If you drop your child off late, please ensure that you sign them in at the school office. Please do not leave them to walk down unattended; there are times when the office is unmanned, when messages are being passed on to teachers; we do not wish for children to be unsupervised at this time.

Medical appointments: Wherever possible, please make medical appointments out of school hours, we are still seeing a number of children missing lessons as a result of attending appointments in the school day. If your child needs a medical appointment in school time, we urge you to return them to school as soon as possible, providing they are well enough, to ensure that disruption to learning is kept to a minimum.

# Easter Fun

As promised here is a snapshot of the fun we had on the last day of the spring term. Thank you to Mrs Pat Finch from Martley Parish Council for judging our decorated egg and easter bonnet competitions. The PTFA organised the easter egg hunt for every class which was enjoyed by all.















